

St. John Mennonite Church

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Steve Dean, *Congregational Chair*
Tyler Macke, Dan Amstutz, Scott Gratz,
Neil Reichenbach, Randy Keeler, Jason Yost

Ways To Connect at St. John

Pioneer Clubs - Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm | 3 yr. old-6th Grade
Jr. High Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:45-8:15 pm
Sr. High Small Groups - Sundays 6-8 pm
SJUniversity - A ministry for college students
Cell Groups - Sundays 6 pm at your group location
Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays 9-11:15 am
ManIIMan - Bible Study and Events for men

Outreach Opportunity

On Target Work Project

On Saturday, April 16, there is a workday planned at On Target near Canfield OH. The work day will include the following projects: Painting | New Ceiling | Metal Siding, Soffits, Gutters | Demolition Work | Odd Jobs

Consider going out to Canfield to help Steve & Barb Scott in their ministry at On Target and also enjoy a day of fellowship. If you are interested in this work project, contact Dwain or Sandy Hall at 419-234-8114 or 419-615-5655.

This Week Please Remember Darrick & Libby Oswald | YFC Arlington

Please be in prayer for Darrick & Libby. Libby shares that she recently had an opportunity to hear the kids share from the heart. She was amazed at the struggles and pain they were dealing with (parent's divorce, bullying at school, not feeling like they are good enough). Please continue to pray for the Oswalds as they share Christ to these young people. Pray they find the hope of Christ as they are facing difficult life issues.

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Welcome to St. John Mennonite Church

We're glad you joined us today as we worship God together and learn from His Word. If you are visiting, we invite you to stop by the Welcome Center in the Fellowship Hall for a cup of coffee and pick up a welcome bag.

April 10, 2016

Today

Both Services

Welcome & Greeting
Praise & Worship
Offering
Intercessory Prayer
Message
Response
Sending

*Elementary Kids Singing

Kids Worship Service

8:30 & 11 am | Fellowship Hall

* Parents pick up your child
after service.

College Lunch • After Church
Home of Steve & Joy Reichenbach
(9655 Bixel Road, Bluffton)

Service Times

First Service - 8:30 am
Sunday School & ABF Classes - 9:45 am
Second Service - 11:00 am



"Join with Christ in Building His Church"

A Few Family Matters

Sanctuary Renovation—Fund Drive

We are accepting donations to replenish the Trustee's Fund. Please write 'Sanctuary Project' on the memo line of your check.

Child Dedication

Sundays, April 24, May 15, June 12 during both services

Child Dedication is important to us and our desire is to incorporate this special moment more often into our church services. If you would like to have your baby or child dedicated at some point, please contact Lindsay at sjmkids@gmail.com or call the church office.

College Scholarship Fund

We are accepting donations to cover the students that will receive scholarships in the 2016-2017 academic year. If you'd like to donate, please note "college scholarship" on the memo line of your check. For more info, see the Bulletin Board.

Baptism

If you are a Christ-follower and are ready to take this step, we invite you to go public with your commitment to Christ. Contact the church office if you desire to be baptized.

White Card

We would like to know who you are and how to pray for you. The White Cards are located in the pew backs. Fill one out and drop it in the offering bag.

This Week

Monday, April 11

Elder Meeting • 6 pm • Conference Room
Council Meeting • 7:30 pm • Conference Room

Tuesday, April 12

Ladies Bible Study • 9-11:15 am • MP Kitchen
Mission Committee • 7 pm • Conference Room
Children's Search • 7 pm • Office 207
Pastor Search • 8 pm • Conference Room

Wednesday, April 13

P.O.W. • 7 pm • Conference Room
Kids Musical Practice • 7-8:30 pm • Sanctuary

Friday, April 15

Jr. High Connections • 8:30-11 pm • Paul Ginthers

Sunday, April 17

"The Power Inside" | *Ephesians 1:15-20*
Kids Worship Service • 8:30 & 11 am • Fellowship Hall

Upcoming Events

ManIIMan begins Wednesday, April 20

Kids Musical • "Joseph: From the Pit to the Palace"
Sunday, May 1 • 11 am & 6 pm | SJM

The children will be presenting a **Stomp Musical** about Joseph, a man who chose to trust God in a crazy world.

Rally Point Chicken BBQ

Sunday, May 1 • 11:30am-1:30 pm • SJM | Gym
Proceeds will go toward YFC summer camp. Tickets are \$8.00. Contact Ruth Herron at 419-296-5550.

Miracle Camp • Time To Register!

K-4th Grade • August 7-13 | August 7-10 | August 10-13
5th-6th Grade • July 31-August 6
Register online at www.miraclecamp.com

Youth Ministry

details at www.stjohnmennonite.org

Youth Summer Trips

Jr. High I ReGen Youth Convention • July 5-9, 2016

Taylor University, Upland, IN

Sr. High I CIT Mission Trip • June 23-30, 2016

Center For Intercultural Training | North Carolina

See the back of Sermon Notes for more details on these trips

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Children's Ministry

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Child Dedication
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Both Services

Contact Rachel or Lindsay if you would like your child dedicated or have questions

Volunteers Needed

Nursery:

- 1st service | All Sundays
- 2nd Service | All Sundays

Sunday School:

- Substitutes | All Sundays | All Ages

If you are able to serve in Children's Ministry, contact Rachel or Lindsay

VBS Offering
Next Sunday, April 17
Taken after both services

Sermon Notes

April 10, 2016
Ephesians
Mark Yoder

A Part of the Bigger Plan
Ephesians 1:8-14

Focus for Prayer

Gary & Laura Luginbill
Lynn & Liane Thompson
Janice Newton
Joe Habegger

Aaron Wannemacher
Future Children's Director
Future Lead Pastor
Search Committees

SJM | Youth



Sr. High Summer Mission Trip
June 23-30, 2016

In 2006 God opened the door for our youth group to serve alongside Andy Labreche, missionary in Romania. It was quite the trip! Well, ten years later the Lord has opened another door, again with Andy Labreche. This time not in Romania but in North Carolina at the CIT (Center for Intercultural Training) where Andy also serves as a professor. CIT is dedicated to training and equipping cross-cultural workers and their families for cross-cultural ministry. On this 28 acre campus, which is located near the mountains of western North Carolina, Andy has shared with me several maintenance needs which I believe by God's grace we can meet. Please begin praying about this opportunity and if the Lord would call YOU to join our work team this summer.



Jr. High Summer Trip
July 5-9, 2016

Join us for RenGen 2016 Youth Convention at Taylor University, Upland, IN! We are gathering together across many denominations to celebrate Jesus Christ and the mission He has given us. This is a time of calling and commitment for all ages and a celebration of new life and transformation.

More information regarding BOTH trips will be posted on the church website SOON. In the meantime mark your calendars to save these dates!

Lead Pastor Search Update

As mentioned at the congregational meeting, we see God moving even while restarting the process. Since our previous update, we have reposted the position on various ministry job listing sites and have been encouraged at the response with over 20 new applicants. We are in the process of narrowing the field for those candidates that meet the basic criteria. At this stage, researching and reviewing messages is our priority as we continue to filter any new applicants. We again want to thank the congregation for continued prayers. We were all encouraged at our last meeting by one of our committee members who reported that two individuals made it a point to assure him that they were praying for us regularly. This can be a reminder to us all that we must continually put our trust and confidence in God who is sovereign over all things. Pressing onward and looking upward!